

REMARKS

Claims 13, 14, 17-19, and 27-29 are now pending in the application. Claim 26 is now cancelled. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 26 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kubo et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,195,140) in view of Nagayama et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,924,858). Claim 26 is now cancelled. Therefore, this rejection of Claim 26 is now moot. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this Section 103 rejection.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicants thank the examiner for acknowledging the allowance of Claims 13-14, 17-19, and 27-29. Applicants note that these claims are allowable for numerous reasons in addition to those set forth in the Office Action.

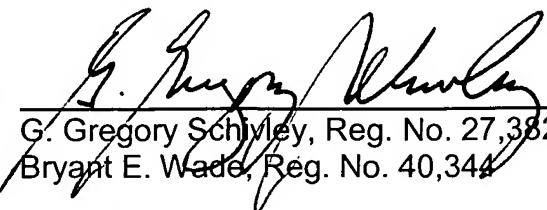
CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the

Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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